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Amendments to the Specification:

Page 4, replace the paragraph under formula (1) with the following amended paragraph:
wherein R_1 and R_2 are each $-\text{CN}$, $-\text{COR}_5$, COOR_6 $[[-\text{COOR}]]$ or $-\text{CONR}_7\text{R}_8$; R_3 and R_4 are each a hydrogen atom, an alkyl group, a cycloalkyl group, an aryl group or a heterocyclic group; L_1 , L_2 and L_3 are each a methine group and k is 2, provided that the respective $-\text{L}_2=\text{L}_3-$ may be the same or different; R_5 and R_6 are each a hydrogen atom, an alkyl group or an aryl group; R_7 and R_8 are each a hydrogen atom, an alkyl group, an alkenyl group, an aryl group or a heterocyclic group or R_7 and R_8 may combine with an adjacent nitrogen atom to form a 5- or 6-membered ring, provided that R_7 and R_8 are not hydrogen atoms at the same time and at least one of R_1 , R_2 , R_3 and R_4 is a water-solubilizing group or a group containing a water-solubilizing group.